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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Mylinh T Tran

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 June 2001.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
- a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Petty et al. [US. 6,342,907] in view of Walden et al. [US. 6,456,303].

As to claims 1, 10, 19 and 25-26, Petty et al. discloses receiving a request for context sensitive help at the first computer from the second computer, the request corresponding to a first Web page of a Web-based UI of the first computer (column 3, lines 21-37 and column 7, lines 22-56), responsive to receiving the request, the first computer determining a set of context sensitive information that corresponds to the first Web page (column 7, line 22 through column 8, line 67). The difference between Petty and the claim is generating a second Web page comprising the context sensitive information; and providing the second Web page to the second computer for

presentation. Walden et al. shows the generating step at column 7, line 52 through column 8, line 13; and providing the second Web page to the second computer for presentation (column 9, lines 11-50). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Petty and Walden before them at the time the invention was made to modify the providing context sensitive help as taught by Petty et al. to include the generating and providing a second web page of Walden, with the

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motivation being to simultaneously display a context of a computer program and a help information as taught by Walden.

As to claims 2, 9, 11, 18, 24, 30 and 31, Petty et al. also discloses the first computer is a server appliance (column 6, lines 35-67).

As to claims 3 and 12, Walden teaches generating the second Web page in a format that is compatible with a platform of the second computer, the platform comprising a hardware platform, an

operating system platform, a Web browser type indication, a software version indication, a preferred language indication, an intended use of the second computer, and/or predetermined preferences of a user (column 7, line 11 through column 8, line 14).

As to claims 4 and 13, Petty et al. also teaches communicating, by the first, computer, a Web-based UI to the second computer the first computer being operatively coupled over a network to the second computer, the Web-based UI comprising a first Web page corresponding to one or more predetermined functions of the first computer (column 6, lines 23-65).

As to claims 5 and 14, Petty et al. provides responsive to determining the context sensitive help information, retrieving the context sensitive help information from one or more help files (column 7, lines 37-65).

As to claims 6, 15, 21-23 and 28-29, Petty et al. also provides communicating, by the first computer, a Web-based UI to the second computer, the first computer being operatively coupled over a network to the second computer, the Web-based UI comprising a first Web page corresponding to one or more predetermined functions of the first computer, the first Web page comprising a unique ID and a persistent help object that is mapped to a URL of the first computer, the URL comprising the unique;

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and wherein determining the context sensitive help information is based on the unique ID (column 4, line 20 through column 5, line 15).

As to claims 7, 16 and 20, Petty et al. demonstrates wherein the URL further comprises a reference to one or more computer programs on the first computer; and wherein the operations of determining the context-sensitive help and retrieving the context sensitive help are performed by the one or more computer programs that use a server-side scripting interface (column 6, lines 15-55).

As to claims 8 and 17, Petty et al. also demonstrates the URL further comprises a reference to one or more computer ~~to~~ programs on the first computer; and wherein the operations of determining the context sensitive help and retrieving the context sensitive help are performed by the one or more computer programs using a server-side scripting interface that generates dynamic content (column 7, line 52 through column 8, line 13).

As to claim 27, Petty shows context sensitive help control being a representation of a question mark (column 21, lines 38-65),

Conclusion

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If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner 's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid, can be reached on (703) 308-0640,

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